

## REMARKS

The withdrawal of the restriction requirement as to the claims that require the limitations of an allowable claim is noted with appreciation. The allowance of claims 1 - 15 is further noted with appreciation.

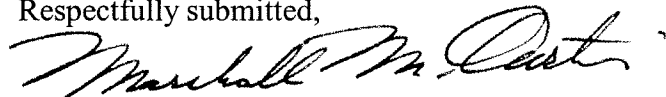
By this amendment, claims 16 - 30 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and only in response to a requirement for restriction that has been made final and not in response to any ground of rejection, thus leaving allowed claims 1 - 15 active in this application. Although the Examiner has maintained the requirements for restriction as to claims 16 - 30, and although Applicant still believes that the maintained requirements for restriction are clearly in error, claims 16 - 30 have been cancelled in order to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Thus, while the continued requirements for restriction are believed to be improper as the *prima facie* burden has never been demonstrated in any of the four office actions issued in this application, and Applicant does not and has not conceded to said requirements for restriction, the cancellation of claims 16 - 30 is being done so to place the application in condition for allowance.

Since all rejections, objections and requirements contained in the outstanding official action have been fully answered and shown to be in error and/or inapplicable to the present claims, it is respectfully submitted that reconsideration is now in order under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.111(b) and such reconsideration is respectfully requested. Upon reconsideration, it is also respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is therefore respectfully requested.

If any extension of time is required for this response to be considered as being timely filed, a conditional petition is hereby made for such extension of time. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,



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